

## CHANGE OVERVIEW BOARD

## GAS CENTRAL SERVICES CHANGE HORIZON EVENT

## ABOUT THE EVENT

Registered	01.12.2014
Last Updated	04.04.2016

<b>Title</b>	<b>Energy Market Investigation</b>
High Level Definition	Investigation by the Competition and Markets Authority (“the CMA”) into the supply and acquisition of energy in Great Britain
Purpose	<p>Ofgem has decided to refer the energy market to the CMA for a market investigation. It is Ofgem’s view that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting that features of the energy market are preventing, restricting or distorting competition.</p> <p>The CMA will investigate any competition issue connected with the supply or acquisition of gas and electricity in Great Britain (excluding the retail supply of larger business customers). The CMA will define the markets within which gas and electricity companies compete to supply customers, assess the nature of competition in those markets and reach a view on whether any features of the relevant markets prevent, restrict or distort competition.</p>
Assumptions	<p>Investigation scope does not change</p> <p>Investigation deadline does not change</p>
Delivery Target	<p>The original statutory deadline for completion of the investigation was 25.12.2015. It has subsequently been extended to 25.06.2016.</p> <p>Timescales for the implementation of investigation outcomes are unknown at the present time.</p>
Dual Fuel	Yes

## EVENT IMPACT – INITIAL ASSESSMENT

*<Complete for all Events on Change Horizon in Zone 1*

Process	<p>The identification of whether and which business processes are impacted requires visibility of the investigation findings and outcome (provisional findings and possible remedies are expected to be published in May or June 2015)</p> <p>There are potential implications for central services, dependent on the nature of the investigation outcome</p>
Dependencies	There is no political or regulatory intervention during the course of the CMA investigation that changes its scope and /or its deadline
Related Events	None identified
Stakeholders	<p>Shippers / Suppliers</p> <p>Potential demands on central service providers to support the investigation.</p>

**EVENT SOLUTION – INITIAL HIGH LEVEL DESIGN**

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People	<p>The CMA Provisional Decisions include the following points that are of potential relevance to gas industry central services:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A recommendation to DECC that it seeks to pass legislation that would make the provision of code administration and delivery services activities that are licensed by Ofgem.</li> <li>2. A recommendation to Ofgem to ensure implementation of Project Nexus by 1 October 2016 through monitoring closely the progress made by the industry in meeting intermediate milestones and to take (where appropriate) further measures to achieve this objective.</li> <li>3. An order on gas suppliers (and amendments to gas suppliers' standard licence conditions) to submit all meter readings for non-daily metered supply points in GB to Xoserve as soon as they become available, and at least once per year, save for non-daily metered supply points with a smart or advanced meter, which must be submitted at least once per month.</li> <li>4. In respect of performance assurance, a recommendation to Ofgem to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take responsibility for the development and delivery of a performance assurance framework to increase accuracy of the gas settlement process as soon as reasonably practicable, and at the latest within one year of the CMA final report;</li> <li>• Establish a project plan and allocate responsibility to Uniform Network Code parties to take actions for its implementation;</li> <li>• Supervise its implementation; and</li> <li>• Take appropriate steps to ensure that failure to meet targets under the performance assurance framework is sanctioned.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. An order on Xoserve to give PCWs access upon request to the SCOGES database on reasonable terms and subject to satisfaction of reasonable access conditions.</li> </ol>
Process	
Technology	
Timing	
Projects	

**EVENT DELIVERY MILESTONES**

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Key Milestones and approximate timing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible Remedies – published July 2015</li> <li>• Provisional Decisions – published March 2016</li> <li>• Final Decisions – to be published by June 2016</li> </ul>
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**NEXT STEPS**

External	CMA publishes Final Decisions by 25.06.2016
COB	July 2016